

threats, this treaty prevents the United States not only from defending itself from the country of Russia, but defending itself from any of the other threats like they may have from North Korea, or Iran, or Iraq, or Pakistan, or India, et cetera, et cetera. Mr. Speaker, we could go through two dozen of those kinds of countries.

Number Three, we have the sophistication today to build an effective missile defensive system. We have the money today, and it should be a high priority. We have the money today to develop even better technology.

Now is the technology complicated? It is very complicated. Imagine a bullet coming several thousand miles per hour, and you have got to take it down with another bullet going several thousand miles per hour.

Now many of you may recall over the last couple of weeks we had a successful test where the bullet hit the bullet. It is a preliminary test, but the technology there is promising.

The next fact that I think is important is do not automatically, colleagues, do not automatically dismiss a space defense system.

Now in the days of Reagan when the Democrats ridiculed him, it was amazing, it was amazing in my opinion the shortsightedness that was allowed to continue with that ridicule. But today those days are passed. I am willing to go past that. But today we need to sit down as a team. We need to sit down and develop the kind of technology, not to start a war, not to pick on somebody, but to defend the supreme interests, and I use that as a quote out of the anti ballistic missile treaty, supreme interests, to defend the supreme interests of the United States of America. It is a race against time.

I have said several times during my comments this evening I have quoted Henry Kissinger. It is immoral, it is immoral not to provide the citizens of your country with a defensive missile system.

To my colleagues, when you leave the chambers tonight, you may not remember the facts. I hope you remember a little about this treaty and how and what it does to us. But more than anything else, I hope you remember those four or five words:

A race against time.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HILL of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MINGE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, October 13.

Mr. BRYANT, for 5 minutes, October 6.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ISTOOK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MILLER of Florida, for 5 minutes, October 12.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, October 7.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHADEGG, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker.

H.R. 2606. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 559. An act to designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building."

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

On September 29, 1999:

H.J. Res. 34. Congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On October 5, 1999:

H.R. 2084. Making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

On October 6, 1999:

H.R. 2606. Making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 7, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4665. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imazapic-Ammonium; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [FRL-6382-3] received October 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4666. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the approved retirement of Lieutenant General David K. Heeber, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4667. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Flood Insurance Programs; Procedures and Fees for Processing Map Changes (RIN: 3067-AC88) received October 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4668. A letter from the Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting the FY 1998 Department of Defense Superfund Financial Transactions; to the Committee on Commerce.

4669. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana [IN96-2; FRL-6452-6] received October 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4670. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a legislative proposal to amend certain provisions of the Weather Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons; to the Committee on Commerce.

4671. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting A copy of a report entitled, "Audit of the People's Counsel Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4672. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List—received October 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4673. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office, transmitting the Research Notification System through September 7, 1999; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4674. A letter from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled "Observed Weakness in the District's Early Out Retirement Incentive Program"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4675. A letter from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled "Auditor's Review of Unauthorized Transactions Pertaining to ANC 1A"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4676. A letter from the Office of the District of Columbia, Auditor, transmitting a copy of a report entitled, "Examination of the People's Counsel Agency for Fiscal Year 1997"; to the Committee on Government Reform.